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Everett et al.

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TO PROTEASE DEGRADATION

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A method for reducing the extent of protease degradation of a protein applied to or produced by a plant comprising administering to the plant or a part thereof a peptide comprising indolicidin, Arg-Arg-Trp-Pro-Trp-Trp-Pro-Trp-Lys-Trp-Pro-Leu-Ile (Rev4), or a functional equivalent of indolicidin or Rev4, wherein said functional equivalent possesses protease inhibitory activity comprising ability to increase resistance of the protein to degradation or inactivation by proteases.

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